

Atty. Docket No: BR040495 (1600-24)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CANDIDATE(S): Therin, et al.

EXAMINER: M.R. Tyson

SERIAL NO.: 10/690,532

GROUP: Art Unit 3731

FILED: October 23, 2003

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TITLE: **INTERMEDIATE COMPOSITE PART  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS |   |          |                  | TOTAL  | \$ 0.00 | TOTAL                        | \$ 0.00      |

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Respectfully submitted,



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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2006, applicants submit this amendment and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

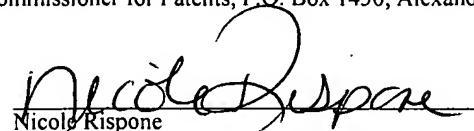
**Applicant's Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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